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SUBJECT: CYPRIOT POLICY ON VIETNAM

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1. RECENT CONVERSATIONS WITH GOC MFA IN CONNECTION WITH PRG STATUS AT LOW AND WMO CONFERENCES PRODUCED FOLLOWING POINTS OF INTEREST CONCERNING GOC'S ATTITUDE TOWARDS GVN, DRV AND PRG.

2. ACCORDING DIRGEN MFA, GOC HOLDS FAST TO POLICY OF RECENT YEARS THAT IT RECOGNIZES BOTH GVN AND DRV WITH APPROXIMATELY EQUIVALENT WARMTH, IN SAME MANNER AS IT DOES NORTH AND SOUTH KOREA. IT ACCEPTS TRAVELING DELEGATIONS FROM BOTH GVN AND DRV BUT DOES NOT WISH TO EXCHANGE DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS. IN JANUARY, GVN AMBASSADOR TO BONN APPROACHED CYPRIOT AMBASSADOR THERE WITH PROPOSAL THAT GOC AGAIN STUDY QUESTION OF EXCHANGING MISSIONS. GOC REPLIED THAT IT FELT TIME WAS NOT RIGHT FOR REASON THAT SUCH MOVE WOULD REQUIRE CORRESPONDING EXCHANGE WITH HANOI, A STEP GOC NOT PREPARED TO TAKE. DIRGEN NOTED,
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HOWEVER, THAT EVENTUAL OPENING MISSIONS IN SAIGON AND HANOI

NOT ENTIRELY OUT OF QUESTION AND THAT SUBJECT WOULD BE KEPT ON
BACK BURNER.

3. GVN AMBASSADOR NGUYEN VAN HIEU, ACCREDITED TO ROME AND
ATHENS, MADE UNPUBLICIZED VISIT TO NICOSIA FEBRUARY 5-8 TO
EXPLORE MATTER FURTHER. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THERE WAS NO
CHANGE IN GOC POSITION.

4. GOC HAS GIVEN US REPEATED ASSURANCE THAT IT DOES NOT PRE-
SENTLY CONTEMPLATE CHANGING ATTITUDE TOWARDS PRG AND WILL VOTE
AT INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES, ON PROCEDURAL AND SUBSTANTATIVE
ISSUES, IN MANNER WHICH IS SUPPORTIVE OF GVN POSITION AS
SOLE LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH VIETNAM. RECENT GOC
STAND ON LOW AND WMO SEEM TO BEAR OUT THIS DETERMINATION.
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